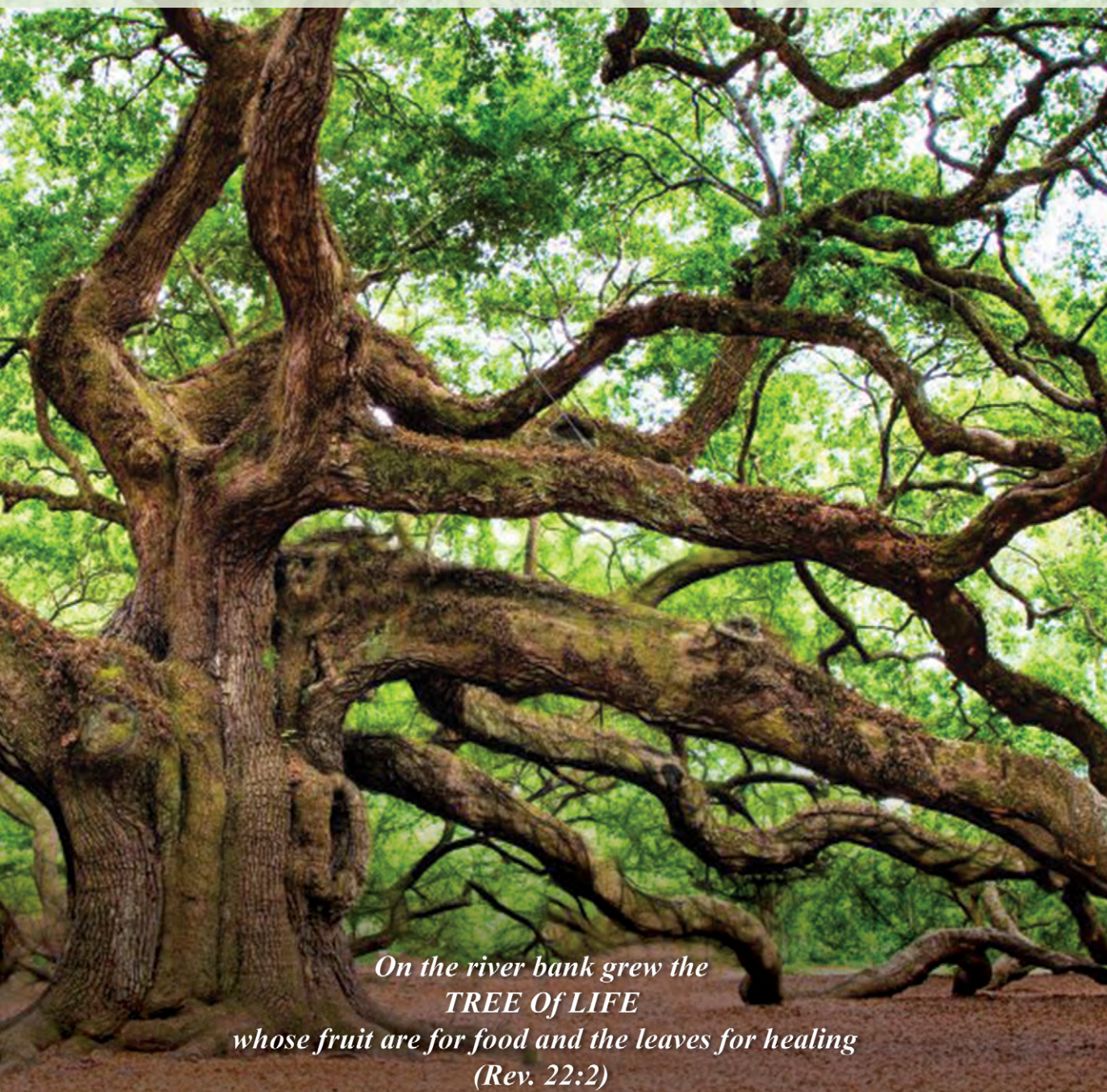




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*On the river bank grew the
TREE OF LIFE
whose fruit are for food and the leaves for healing
(Rev. 22:2)*



*As we move from the
Extraordinary Missionary
Month of October
through the season of Diwali -
the "Festival of Lights",
and approach the Birth of Jesus,
Light of the World at Christmas,*

*"Tonian Tweets" wishes each one
of our readers,
On behalf of Fr. Agnelo, the Parish Team and Sisters,*

*A Very Blessed Christmas, 2019,
and New Year, 2020*

*May the **Light of the Missionary Spirit** glow ever
brighter within each one of us with each new day.*



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FROM THE DESK *of our Parish Priest* Fr. Agnelo Fernandes

Dear Friends.

October is already here, heralding the last quarter of 2019! Pope Francis has declared it the “Extraordinary Missionary Month” to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* written, 30th November, 1919, by Pope Benedict XV on the activities of missionaries the world over. On the inner back cover of this bulletin is a summary gleaned from the *Pope’s WorldWide Prayer Network* to help us enter into the four dimensions which the Holy Father wishes us to live more intensely. Do study it carefully. We also look afresh at “All Souls’ Day, November 2nd, in this issue of Tonian Tweets.

Over the last three months, communities have celebrated feast days and been involved with Outreach, especially to the “Malad East” disaster area; there were inter-faith Independence Day celebrations, and “Parents and Grandparents” were feted by children and Youth. Each report focuses on a unique feature in their celebration, making for interesting reading. The highlights at parish level were the training programme for the newly-formed PPC by Bishop Barthol Baretto, the “*Spirituality through Football*” initiative, and re-organisation of the programme for Confirmation students.

But very distressing and calling for our immediate attention is the cry of the environment - the burning of the Amazon, the unprecedented rainfall, the destruction of precious ecosystems in the cause of development, as at Aarey, the national call for “#banplastic” and “zero garbage”.

The Christian Churches have responded with a “Season of Creation” from September 1st (World day of prayer for Creation) till October 4th (feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of those who promote ecology). The theme for 2019 is *The Web of Life*.

In our last bulletin we took up this theme, and the Cardinal’s “Green Diocese Initiative”.

This time we concentrate on “The Tree of Life”. It is a deeply biblical theme, spanning the book of Genesis (3: 23) through Ezekiel (47:12) and Revelation (22:2). The “Tree of Life” also refers to the Cross through which we were redeemed and given new life.

One of the first directives for a green diocese is “Planting More Trees”, for they are the lungs of planet earth, restoring ecological balance.

“The Apple Tree and a Boy” teaches so well of interdependence with nature, throughout life.

Long ago, there lived an apple tree giving tasty apples to people. A little boy used to climb the tree, eat the apples, and became a close friend of the tree.

After he joined school he no longer had time for the tree, but came back to pluck apples, only to sell them and buy toys.

He returned as a youth, wanting to build a home, then as a middle-aged man wanting a boat to travel; the tree first offered its boughs, and then its trunk.

At last he returned as an old man; the tree said sadly, “I have nothing to offer you now”.

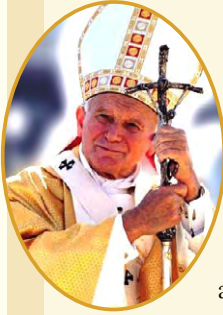
“I only need a place to rest my head!”

“Take rest in my roots, then! Good old roots are the best place to have peace and rest”.

And the man smiled with tears....

as he passed over in the embrace of the mutilated tree!

..... CELEBRATING *Saints*



St. Pope John Paul II

22nd October

The Future starts Today, not Tomorrow!

Karol Józef Wojtya, was born in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920. To avoid deportation to Germany during the Nazi attack in 1939, he worked in a quarry and then in a chemical factory. Pursuing his talent as an actor, Karol was one of the chief organizers of the 'Rhapsodic Theatre'. Inspired to join the priesthood, he was appointed Bishop in 1958 and Cardinal in 1967. When John Paul I passed away after a papacy of 33 days, Cardinal Karol Wojtya was elected to succeed him and, in a gracious tribute, took his name.

Pope John Paul II is remembered for ending the Communist regime in Europe and upholding sensitive teachings such as the *right to life*. One of the most travelled Popes, his visit to Mumbai, in 1986, will never fade. He embraced the old, sick, and suffering, while the youth greeted him with: 'JP II - We love you!' Four years after his death, he was proclaimed Venerable by his successor Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2013.



St. Cecilia

22nd November

Put on the armour of Light!

Born in Rome towards the close of the 2nd century, Cecilia was brought up a Christian. From a very young age she was determined to remain single for the love of God. But her parents gave her hand in marriage to a young patrician named Valerian.

According to legend, while the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia sang hymns as she renewed her vow of virginity to God. She informed her husband of her vow and inspired him to join her faith along with his brother Tibertius. Both brothers were eventually executed by the Roman Prefect for refusing to offer a sacrifice to idols. After her husband's death, Cecilia spent most of her time praying and fasting.

She was arrested and sentenced to death by suffocation in boiling water! Since she survived, she was struck with an axe in the head. She kept praying while she bled for three days, after which she died and was buried by Pope Urban I. She is regarded as the patroness of music because she sang in her heart to God, and is often represented with a musical instrument in her hand.



St. Francis Xavier

3rd December

Be great in little things!

St. Francis Xavier, patron of missionaries, was born in a noble Spanish family on April 7, 1506. In 1525, while pursuing his studies at the University of Paris, he met Ignatius of Loyola who inspired him with these words, 'What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but suffer the loss of his soul?' Thus, on August 15, 1534, in Montmartre, Paris, Xavier, Loyola and five others pledged themselves to the Society of Jesus.

Francis Xavier was chosen for the Eastern Missions and arrived in Goa, India, on May 6, 1542. He is greatly admired by the people of Goa and Mumbai. Xavier continued to travel to Ceylon, the Molucca Islands, the Banda Island, the Malay Peninsula and Japan with his next focus on China. However, he was incapacitated by illness, and died on December 3, 1552, at the age of 46, on China's Shangchuan Island. His body is kept in the Church of Bom Gesu, Goa. St Francis Xavier was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1619, and canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622.

COMMUNITY *Collaboration*

Annual "*Feast Day*" Celebrations

NATIVITY OF OUR LADY COMMUNITY



We celebrated our feast on 15th Sept. with much enthusiasm, beginning with the Holy Eucharist in the Infant Jesus Chapel and ending with a fellowship meal.

Our little ones, elegantly adorned, led the procession, strewing flowers along the way, while the choir led us in prayer and hymns. Our Coordinator, Ms. Anita D'Souza, welcomed the members and read the community report; Sr. Daphne, spiritual directress, spoke a few words.

An interesting play on `Peace` was staged by our children, followed by prepared and spontaneous items by elders and tiny tots.

Teachers in our community and students who excelled in this academic year were felicitated.

In an amazing sense of belonging, everyone participated in the games. Sr Manisha led us in prayer before the meal, after which Housie was played.

A homely and enjoyable evening beautifully organised by the Youth of our community!

- Meldon Dsouza
NYG member

COMMUNITY OF "OUR LADY OF VELANKANNI"



Our celebration was on 10th September, at the Infant Jesus Chapel straight after Mass by our Spiritual director, Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, who reminded us to pray through Mother Mary because she intercedes for us. The liturgy was prepared by the Animators with the help of our mentor, Ms. Yucca Gomes.

We had a fun-filled time together with Mrs. Clara Fernandes as our compere. Both young and not so young enjoyed the games, participating whole-heartedly ... nor were our youth left out! There were spot prizes for everyone, senior or teen.

Fr. Agnelo who brought life and humour to our program, giving us a hearty laugh. To tickle our taste buds we had delicious snacks and, then, dinner, before which our mentor led us in prayer.

Time was running out and I thanked everyone before the programme ended with a jam session, giving us beautiful memories to take home.

- Veronica Kinny
Coordinator

Parents' Day Celebrations

EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

One day in the year is not enough to balance what parents do for us each and every day. However, our youth and children tried to show their gratitude by a celebration on 10th August. Parents were welcomed with a bookmark, carrying prayers for children and parents.

The show, hosted by a mother-daughter duo, began with a prayer and welcome song, followed by a dance performance, skit with deep message, and a guitar solo.

The longest married couple won a spot prize and shared some tips on married life and

raising kids; similarly, the couple with the youngest child, who wished them aloud. Ironically, the “*Man not scared of his wife*” was urged by his wife to “**step up**” ...

We presented potted plants to our guests, Fr. Vinay and Sr. Daphne, who shared a beautiful message on “Children and Families”, respect and love.

The evening of music, dancing, yummy food, ended with a heart-warming poem by a child for all the beloved parents. We left deeply satisfied, with cheerful smiles and wonderful memories.

- **Gracy Tripathy**

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 “GIFT OF PEACE” & “GIFT OF GOODNESS” COMMUNITIES
 JOINT CELEBRATION: AUGUST 3RD, 2019

Sr. Jayasheela, our Spiritual Director, started us off with a short prayer and message on the important role of parents and the family’s response of gratitude.

Our talented teens then performed two energetic, delightful dances, the children sang melodiously, and many spot prizes sustained the elements of surprise and fun throughout the evening. Parents enthusiastically entered into the games and everyone enjoyed the snacks, dinner and closing game of Housie.

The presence of Fr. Michael Pen was an added blessing.

Just looking at the smiles on the faces of our parents gave us, the performers and organisers, a deep sense of satisfaction. We thank you for your sacrifices, love and support. Wouldn’t know what we do without you? You have always been there, making us who we are.

Hats-off, and many thanks to all who joined to make the evening so memorable!

- **Theresa Moraes, (Gift of Peace)- Zone III**

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 “GIFT OF LOVE” COMMUNITY (APPRECIATION BY PARENTS)

We, the parents of the “Gift of Love” Community, Chikuwadi, were thrilled to enjoy a party organized by our children and youth with the help of our Coordinator and Animators on the occasion of Parents’ Day, on 27th July, 2019.

After invoking God’s blessings, we participated in the March Past which set the tone for the

evening. The games we played were fun and exciting. We were served yummy refreshments, which we relished to the fullest. Our children put up various entertaining programmes for us. All in all, it was a day we cherished.

- **Charlton & Charlotte Correia**

“NATIVITY OF OUR LADY” COMMUNITY
“OUTREACH” TO PIMPRI-PADA (MALAD EAST)

This year we celebrated “Parents’ Day” in a **unique way**. Instead of having the usual get-together, our Core Team decided to visit the tragedy site at Malad East.

Our Co-ordinator, Anita D’Souza, and Animators collected ₹ 40,500/- by visiting families both in Nazarene and Nathwardham, including our neighbours of other faiths.

On 13th July, we visited St. Jude’s Church and “Shanti Nivas” home for the elderly, run by the parishioners. We met Fr. Warner who told us many lost their homes and loved ones. But God blessed them with gifts in cash and kind.

We also presented the ₹ 40,500/- we had collected.

Finally, we visited the disaster site - no proper roads; how did people manage during those days?

We saw the wall which had collapsed - a very moving experience. We prayed for healing of memories, for coming to terms with life and openness to the future.

Thank you, Lord, for inspiring this “Outreach” instead of a “Parents’ Day” celebration. I feel so grateful to have been part of the group.

- **May Fernandes**, Community Member

“Feast-cum-Parents’ Day” Celebrations

GIFT OF FAITH COMMUNITY

On 10th August we celebrated the Feast of our patron, St. Lawrence, and “Parents’ Day”. After the 7.00pm Mass offered by Fr. Vinay Kamath, we assembled in the School Annexe.

The entire programme was organised by our PYC members – Ms. Nicole D’Souza and Mr. Jaemmy D’Cunha - supported by the Youth. Rebecca started us off with a hymn, compere Jaemmy entertained us with group games, while Xavier provided foot-tapping music.

Half way through the programme, Fr. Agnelo, our Spiritual Director, addressed us, highlighting the importance of parents and children in a family.

The little ones danced for us, while the fun and games brought young and old to their feet. Over 100 members, including our neighbours of other faiths, attended the event.

We ended with a prayer and home-made dinner prepared by one of our Animators.

I thank Frs. Agnelo, Vinay and Michael for gracing our celebration. Kudos to the Animators, led by Monthy David, who planned the event and substituted in my absence for almost 4 months!

- **Blanche D’Souza**, Coordinator

HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY

Our dual celebration took place on Sunday, 28th July 2019, after the 9.00am Thanksgiving Mass at the Infant Jesus Chapel. We began with a prayer and hymns.

One of our Youth, Evita Lemos, then took charge. Fr. Michael Pen was welcomed; he thanked us for attending and suggested we bond with each other. It was good to see members interacting.

A presentation on “Effective Parenting” was organized by the Family Cell. The guidelines and relevant information which made parents aware of their responsibilities were much appreciated.

The “Annual Report” was then read by our Coordinator, Mrs. Annie Lemos, who thanked the core group and families, and requested their continued active participation. Three

of our community members - Ms. Mercia D'souza, Ms. Abbe Fernandes and Ms. Rose Fernandes were especially mentioned for their selfless service rendered over the year.

The delicious meal and dessert were enjoyed by all.

We thank our Coordinator, Animators, and Youth for making this such an unforgettable event.

- **Fatima D'souza**, Animator

COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our combined celebration was organised by the Youth of our community, aided by the elders. It was held on 20th July and began with a Thanksgiving Mass in the Chapel with the Youth doing the Readings and Fellowship prayers. Thanks to our Youth

A small Get-together followed during which our children Sherwin, Joshua, Reeve, Ashton, Crysander, and Russel paid a tribute of loving words for Parents and Grandparents.

Games and dinner followed. The evening ended with a pleasant Vote of Thanks to all present and to those responsible for making the evening memorable.



- **Azariah Magda**, Animator

PARENTS ...

This is what you are for us ...

- P: Precious gemstones that can never be replaced
 A: Admiration is what we have for you;
 Always Available, Anytime ... rain, storm or sun.
 R: Ready to Rebuke, as well as Reward us
 We know we aren't angels, but the way you balance punishment with pleasure...

REMARKABLE!

- E: Enormous Enthusiasm
 Energy power- packs
 N: Never, ever giving up on us
 T: Teaching us to Tread the path of Life
 True role-models for the journey
 S: Super-Sweet and Special
 Selfless always

GRANDPARENTS

are God's gift to our parents;
 They sprinkle stardust over our lives & add that magic touch which our parents miss out on.
 They make our world a little softer, a little kinder and a little warmer.
 They hold our tiny hands for just a little while but our hearts forever.
 So, indeed, Grans are a delightful blend of laughter, caring, wonderful stories and lots of love.

Love you Mom & Dad ...

It may take a lifetime, but I'll work hard and do my best to make you feel proud of me ALWAYS

"Miscellaneous" Celebrations

NATIVITY OF OUR LADY COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our Community celebrated Independence Day, with our neighbours of other faiths in the Nazarene Society. We started with an inter-faith prayer conducted by the Youth. A Police Officer from the Malwani Unit was invited as guest of honour to hoist the tricolour.

The Children's Council then enacted a skit - "Save the Earth" - written by Mr. Neil D'Silva, father of the one of the children, and directed by Sr Manisha. It was on caring for Mother

Earth - saving nature for the future, careful use of electricity, water, waste segregation.

Dances and songs, a tug-of-war between boys and girls, antaakshari and much more added to the beauty of the celebration; yummy snacks were served too.

I would end by saying we should make a better future and help nature from TODAY ...

- **Tanishka Goyal**, Member of
the Children's Council

"GIFT OF LOVE" COMMUNITY MONSOON TREK

Twenty-eight of us went on a trek to Tungareshwar Waterfall, Vasai, on 17th August.

The scenic spot refreshed us all, as we dropped our daily schedules. After trekking for about two hours, we found a cosy spot with a waterfall and a little pond, where we stopped to enjoy the water, lunch, and a game of

Housie. After lunch, some of us again played in the water.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. At about 3pm we started on our way back. Even though we were tired and sore, this trip will be one that we shall always remember fondly.

- **Hazel Pillai**

SACRED HEARD COMMUNITY, ALI TALAO, ZONE 6 MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY (AT SNEHA SAGAR ASHRAM)



We decided to celebrate Mother Mary's birthday on Sunday, 8th September, 2019, with the children of the Sneha Sagar Ashram. The children of our Community were also invited.

The programme began with hymns sung by the children in Hindi and English, followed by the Rosary with various intentions.

Later, there was fun, games, dancing, snacks & dinner organized for the children by our Core Team. The sisters, *Helpers of Jesus*, joined in the celebration.

Indeed a lovely and memorable evening!

- **Ramona Arrakal**
(Co-ordinator)

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ST.MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY, BHOOMI PARK



We try to incorporate the elements of prayer, faith formation and fellowship into all our initiatives, impacting family, neighbourhood and wider society.

Our Outreach to the people of Malad (East) was on July 2nd, when rain caused collapse of the wall, destroying 60-70 hutments. We responded with groceries, financial and medical aid. It was a humbling experience, as we realised our blessings and were able to reach out over several days to those less fortunate.

Parents & Grandparents' Day celebrated on 27th July, with entertainment by our children guided by the Animators. Delighted parents participated enthusiastically in all that the Youth organised. Fr. Vinay Kamath, Sr. Daphne and PPC Coordinator, Abbe, joined us. Each family received a takeaway gift; overall, a day celebrating values that bind families from one generation to the next.

Finally, the Novena to Our Lady of Velankanni to which the Emmanuel community and Coordinators of Zone 8 were invited, culminating on 8th September, when Fr. Vinay joined us in prayer. Each day had a special theme and the fellowship meal was generously provided by a family. The highlight was a skit on the birth of Mother Mary and an action song by the children: This little light of mine.

A prayerful experience that brought us closer as a community.

- Janet Lobo, Animator

MARVE MUSINGS - COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



Parents' and Teachers' Days: Two of the most important and empowering care-givers in our lives were greeted by our children with hand-made cards splashed with colours and filled with love (for parents/grans) and little saplings (for beloved teachers).

The latter gesture reflects the undeniable role of Mother Nature, chief caregiver and teacher. It also draws us to the Creator, Life-giver, and His everlasting love. We pray that this love may enrich the lives of all in our parish, especially our Parents and Teachers.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: Our community is blessed because fringing our four corners are four crosses dating back to the early 1900s. They physically border our community and stand as torch bearers enlightening our lives and protecting our village from disaster.

On Sept. 14th, we had a procession from one Cross to another, praying a decade of the rosary at each. We thank the Lord and His Mother for their love and strength to our families, youth and children. Truly there is no greater love than the sign of the Cross!

- Joynel Fernandes

MATTERS *That Matter*

All Souls (Saved) Day Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The On November 1st we celebrate the feast of “All Saints”, remembering with joy and gratitude all those who have gone before us and are now enjoying eternal happiness face to face with God.

On November 2nd, we celebrate “All Souls” day, also known as the “Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed”. People visit the graves of their loved ones and pray for the souls of our brothers and sisters who have died.

Death is inevitable; we cannot escape from it. Death makes for separation; to die is painful. However, for us Christians “dying” is different. “To be dead” means to be transformed and to enter into new life. That is why St. Paul says, “I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better living (Phil, 1:23)”. Our faith gives us assurance that one day we will meet God face to face.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) speaks of three possibilities: Hell, Heaven or Purgatory, when, after death, we are judged according to our deeds in this life.

Hell is an afterlife place in which souls are suffering due to their sins. “It is the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed (CCC 1033).” Those who die in grievous or mortal sin are excluded from the union with God and also suffer eternal punishment.

Heaven: a state of perfect joy and happiness, loving union with God. “Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified (whether in this life, or in Purgatory) live forever with Christ; they are like God forever - they “see Him as He is,” face to face (CCC 1023)”

Purgatory is “Purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified.” (CCC 1030) Purgatory is a temporary place of purification of souls.

Why Purification?

Basically, there are two reasons why a good person who dies might not immediately enter into communion with God: less Serious (venial) sins

that have not been forgiven or acknowledged by the person, or more Serious (mortal) sins that have been acknowledged and forgiven, but the consequences of which have not yet been atoned for. In Purgatory a soul undergoes purification and grows in love before becoming ready to see God face to face. It is therefore, a joyful transformation because of this certainty.

Praying for the souls in Purgatory

The need and duty of prayer for departed souls has been acknowledged by the Church at all times. It is recommended in the Old Testament: “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins (2 Macc. 12: 46). Souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves; they rely on our prayers for help. That is why we celebrate Mass for the holy souls on 2nd November and pray for our loved ones who have died. We also pray for those who do not have anyone to pray for them.

“All Souls” Day is our day; it touches us personally. Yes, it is a day of mixed emotions - a day to remember, to miss, but also to be joyful. We are confident that our loved ones are enjoying the peace, comfort and joy of eternal life. **The feast of “All Souls” is a reminder that they are members of the Communion of Saints. They have been saved by God’s grace and will one day be in heaven.**

We also reflect on our own life on this day.

We are given the gift of life. We use it today to help us tomorrow. We are only pilgrims on earth; this life is to prepare us for eternal life. Each day we learn how to love God and be with Him now and after death. Let us live our lives loving God whom we will meet with our loved ones after death.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

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Lungs of the Earth

Destroyed by carbon footprints.

Our time is up. Protect the planet. Or be consumed.

IN 2015, LEADERS FROM 193 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD CAME TOGETHER TO CREATE A BLUEPRINT TO FACE THE FUTURE....

And what they saw was unnerving. Famines. Drought. Wars. Plagues. Poverty. Not just in some far-flung area, but in their own cities and towns and villages.

The leaders recognized that things had to change. They knew there is enough food to feed the world, but that it wasn't getting shared. They knew there are medicines for HIV and other diseases, but they cost a lot. They knew that earthquakes and floods are inevitable, but that the high death tolls could be minimized. They also knew that billions of people worldwide share their hopes that the future may seem brighter.

So the leaders generated a plan called the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** - A set of 17 goals that envision a future 15 years hence, when the world would be free of poverty and hunger and safe from the disastrous effects of climate change. Indeed, it is an ambitious plan, but not impossible!

Are we helping towards making this a reality?

On the contrary! If increasing temperatures, global warming and ice caps melting rapidly

weren't enough, **the Amazon Rainforest**, often regarded as '**Lungs of Earth**', recorded 75,000 fires since January 2019.

The Amazon Rainforest works as a giant air machine that absorbs a large amount of carbon dioxide, and produces oxygen. That is why it is referred to as the "Lungs of the Earth". Slithering through the forest is the second longest river in the world and the largest water flow body - the Amazon River.

Home to a million indigenous people and three million plant and animal species, the rainforest produces nearly 20 percent of the Earth's oxygen. The forests are burning at a record rate this year. Moreover, the smoke is reported to have covered around 3.1 million square kilometres. The fires can be seen from space as well. This is an international crisis!

So, what led to the fires?

The obvious reason is human beings and our activities. According to CNN, the wildfire is caused due to cattle ranchers and loggers who have cleared the land for their use. "Most of these fires are human-lit. Even during dry seasons, the Amazon - a humid rainforest - doesn't catch on fire easily, unlike the dry bush lands."



How grave is the situation?

According to the BBC, an area of Amazon rainforest, equal to the size of a football pitch, is lost every single minute. Destruction is building up at an unprecedented rate, leading to death and habitation loss for huge numbers of plants and wildlife, grave health issues for people and an upsurge in climate change.

Back home, what are we doing to Aarey, in our very own Mumbai?

Aarey forest is part of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, and supports an entire ecosystem of its own, with a rich biodiversity. Its beauty and serenity has no parallels amongst nature lovers. The fact that many unknown species of reptiles, insects and birds have found their home in Aarey speaks volumes for its precious flora and fauna. An ecosystem like this takes hundreds of years to cultivate, and cannot be re-planted overnight. 2,702 trees in Mumbai's Aarey forest, Mumbai's green lungs, are slated to be axed for a car shed for Mumbai Metro-3, in an area where the Mithi River surges before it courses through some of the busiest parts of the city.

It is an acknowledged fact that greenery in cities can help combat air pollution. **"Trees can have a significant impact on reducing pollution and temperature levels"**. While air purifiers cannot reach every household, the oxygen given by trees fulfils that area. Hence, cutting down

these trees means increasing air pollution. For over three years now, the "green" crusaders of environmentalists, activists, and citizens, have been putting up a tough fight to protect Aarey forest and safeguard the future.

Why is a quick change so imperative?

The planet can never retract to what it was before human kind, as the human population is steadily increasing. With a human population of over 7 billion on the planet, man will unfortunately continue to build, destroy land, and cause pollution and waste. However, we can significantly reduce our impact by making a few small changes in our daily lives. When we decide to change to a plant-based diet, we will not only save trees and all other natural resources, we will actually integrate into the connected web of all life and become overseers of planet Earth.

Here is a classic example - Save Mother Earth!

Bhutan celebrated the birth of the baby prince not with a lavish party; not by spending millions on food and guests; BUT by planting 108,000 trees. Now isn't this a better way to celebrate birthdays than counting FB wishes or partying hard into the night?

Think it over! It's our earth. Let's save whatever we can to mitigate the losses before we are destroyed in this race for existence.

- Rudyard Gomes,
Our Lady of Fatima Community, Rathodi

Promise to Our Environment

Last year, World Environment Day, June 5th, 2018, was hosted by India with the theme: “Say ‘No’ to Plastics”. This year on the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji, October 2nd, 2019, the PM pledged, on behalf of the country, to totally ban “Single Use Plastics” (SUPs) by 2022.

On Aug. 31st, eve of the anniversary of the Green Diocese Initiative, a workshop was organised by the AOE (Archdiocesan Office for Environment) on: **PLASTIC, A BANE OR BOON**. Attended by about seventy people from several parishes, it was an eye-opener on the work being done by committed parishioners in our Archdiocese to achieve “#EndPlasticWaste”.

Some inspiring Environmental Success stories were shared by the participants:

- “Mindfulness Themes” to build awareness, “River Marches” by children to clean a river,
- “Planting trees over 50 years, annual beach-cleaning, composting wet waste, single handedly,
- “Installation of solar panels and helicopter fans in the church and school hall at St. Michael’s,
- “Biogas production from garlands offered at the Wednesday novenas,
- “Collecting & re-cycling of plastic bags” by youth in the Satara district,
- “Tetrapak and e-waste collected and re-cycled, by youth in a parish

- “Networking” to send 8000 Tetrapaks to Sahakhari Bhandhar, for transformation into wood,
- “Gifting boats of recycled plastic (a ‘Hindustan Lever’ project) to fisherfolk in Mahim,
- “Personal research on alternatives to plastic” by an enthusiastic environmentalist,
- A re-cycling project at Pune, “Bottles for Change”, by Bisleri: www.bottlesforchange.in.

Two shocking facts:

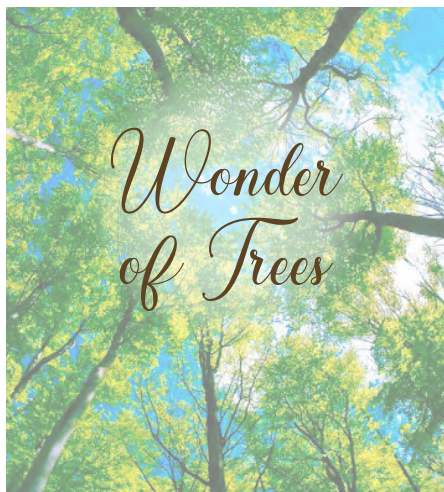
1. Social activist and champion of “Zero Garbage”, Mr. Parab, who had personally visited all the “dumping” grounds in Mumbai told us that the mountains of garbage were so high, that the people around did not live beyond the age of 35.
2. On the Global Vulnerability Index of 1-234, India ranked 216, with Japan (221) and the Philippines (228) in the category of Extremely Vulnerable Countries (Nos. 200-234).

Truly, we need to take our responsibilities to the environment AND the next generation seriously

Tagore teaches us so delicately:

**I came to your shore as a stranger,
I lived in your house as a guest,
I leave your door as a friend, my earth.**

- Sr. Daphne, RSCJ



Wonder
of Trees

What wonders, oh trees, can you give us?
That with your majestic charm you enthrall us,
Sheltering us from wind, storm and rain;
You always keep us away from all the pain,
Without you life would come to an end.
When will man stop cutting you and pretend?
You are the source which bears the fruit of life,
Help us to regard you with all our might.

Generations will come and go,
But the saplings we plant will always reproduce and grow.
Awaken from your slumber; arise from your sleep;
Plant as many trees or else you may only weep;
Let people see the dawn of a new day!

By what you plant today will give you, tomorrow, a better light of ray.

- Sheeba MaryLaji, Holy Family Community, Zone 7, Kharodi



Special Event at St. Anthony Church **Training Session for Parish Pastoral Councillors (PPC)** **by Bishop Barthol Baretto**

'You did not choose me; it was I who chose you' [John 15: 16]

Our parish was privileged to welcome Bishop Barthol Baretto to celebrate the Eucharist and conduct a training session for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) on Sunday, August 25th, 2019. An inspiring homily by His Grace added spiritual depth to the Mass.

The enriching training session began with an icebreaker in light-hearted mode, after which the participants were divided into six groups, each tasked with a case study from the Bishop's pastoral experience over several years. We were challenged to respond from our own experiences, and our answers indicated a movement towards compassion, humility, cordiality, and a listening ear in our service and ministry.

His Grace then focused the training session on the following main themes:

1. **Handpicked by God:** 'You did not choose me; it was I who chose you and sent you to go and bear much fruit, fruit that will last.' (John 15:16). This verse highlights the specific nature of God's call and the importance of each one's individual response.
2. **Chosen to:** "Break down Barriers and Build Bridges", thus making the parish a reflection of God's kingdom on earth. Jesus broke barriers when he spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well and called Matthew, a tax collector, to be an apostle.
3. **Servant-Leadership:** St. Paul (Philippians: 2) speaks of the self-emptying of Jesus. We, who in the Lord's vineyard, must emulate the humility of Christ in our service.

4. **Stand firm in Faith:** The journey on this path may be fraught with challenges. Let us remember that Jesus did not resign even when, in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was faced with suffering and death on the Cross.

5. **Community-centred:** All activities should be community-centred; a fellowship meal helps in community bonding.

6. **Cluster-oriented:** Regular Cluster meetings must be held, so that all feel included: "no one should feel left out; no one should be lonely or in want".

7. **Focus on Youth:** Formation of Neighbouring Youth Groups [NYGs] and Parish Youth Animating Teams [PYATs] are important to encourage the Youth of the parish to be involved.

A fruitful session came to an end with a positive "take-home" message. Ms. Yucca Gomes thanked the Bishop for his motivational talk and hoped that it would make for better understanding between Parish Councillors and communities. She also thanked Fr. Agnelo for making the session possible and the Parish Team for attending. The lunch was welcomed by all after a mind-stimulating session.

These inputs made us realize how blessed each of us is to be 'the chosen one' for a 'chosen purpose'. The session brought home the realization that unless we spread our wings and try to fly, we will never know how high we can soar.

- Yucca Gomes,
Vice President, PPC

Vianney Sunday Celebrations

*For the word of God that you spread
And the lives you touch.....
Just cannot thank the Lord enough.....*

For your service to our parish! On the feast of St John Marie Vianney, August 4th, we, the PPC members, expressed appreciation, affection and gratitude, on behalf of all our parishioners, to Fr. Agnelo Fernandes, our parish priest, and the parish team - Frs. Francis Xavier, Michael Pen and Vinay Kamath. The beautifully decorated Mini hall was adorned with a blow-up of each priest.

The solemn entry to the accompaniment of the local band got everyone dancing and was

followed by the cutting of the cake. The priests were felicitated with a small token gift and each of them responded spontaneously from the heart.

The sporting spirit of our priests, their whole-hearted participation in the games and various activities prepared for them made for a memorable bonding experience which helped us appreciate them even more at both the spiritual and human level.

Thanks to compere, Atish Creado, and the managing committee for the delicious snacks, well-organised games, & lunch; we went home with fun-filled memories.

– **Mildred Mendonca**, *Gift Of Love Community*

..... *The Legion Of Mary* (JUNIORS)

TRAINING OF "OFFICERS"

A special training programme for "Officers" of the 13 praesidia of the Junior Curia was organised at the "Bosco Boys' Home" hall on 14th July, 2019. Bro. Carlton D'Souza, President of the Senatus, reminded us of our "Roles & Responsibilities" as "Officers" who have received the grace of office because appointed by Jesus & Mama Mary. Hence, we are duty-bound to imitate the unconditional "YES" of Mother Mary. If we wish for personal gains, we are in the wrong place.

The four "Standing Instructions" were explained in detail.

Attendance & Punctuality: at praesidium / curia meetings and completion of weekly spiritual work an essential part of our "YES" to God.

The Rosary (a powerful weapon) & **the Catena or "Magnificat"** (the chain binding together Active and Auxiliary Legionaries the world over) must be a priority for us in order to preserve "Unity".

In Union with Mary: Seeing Jesus & Mother Mary in each co-worker and others, regardless of religion, we become powerful intercessors in school, college and workplace.

Confidentiality: Absolute respect for this aspect because of which people welcome us into their homes. The least error here can destroy the praesidium and name of the Legion.

In smaller groups we discussed questions pertaining to Bro. Carlton's input.

Since we are just a handful of Active legionaries in this large parish, we have an added responsibility to follow the 4 "Standing Instructions" religiously in spite of difficulties we face in today's world.

We thoroughly enjoyed the training and hope to have more sessions to help nurture and strengthen us in our apostolic work.

AVE MARIA

– **Sr. Belicia Mathais**, *Queen of Apostles Jr. Praesidium*

..... *Sneha Sagar Society* (“Volunteers” with Sisters of the “Helpers of Jesus”)

The Sneha Sagar Society of the Sisters of the “Helpers of Jesus” is a wonderful medium for reaching out to those in need of spiritual and physical help.

We visited Dudhani village in Gujarat, on June 8th, distributed rations, mugs and buckets to 100 families, and stationery to 56 boys in the hostel.

Likewise, on July 6th, food grains, biscuits, umbrellas, and clothes were distributed to 60 families, and Bibles to the Catholics in Songaon, Ahmednagar.

On July 14th, food grains, umbrellas, buckets, mugs, biscuits, rain coats, note books were given to 50 poor families, and Bibles in English, Hindi and Marathi to the Catholic families.

The Sneha Sagar Society also reached out to the people of Malad East during their difficult times, providing water, cooked food, and clothes to 200.



About 25 volunteers from the *Legion of Mary and Emmanuel community* of Bhoomi Park joined the “Outreach” conducted on August 15th for people on the streets between Malad and Andheri West. Besides 400 packets of biryani, water, and biscuits, we also distributed slippers. The unique aspect of this “Outreach” was that, at Sr. Martha’s suggestion, we tied Raksha and give chocolates to our beloved brothers and sisters on the street.

As volunteers we feel enriched. Our eyes are opened to the needs of people. It is indeed a humbling and a fruitful experience to serve the Lord in the poor; a joy to be associated with the Helpers of Jesus in reaching out to those in need and to see smiling faces.

If you would like to be involved with this noble work of mercy, you are most welcome to join us. Thanks for all your prayers and support.

Sr. Martha's phone number is 98678 46323

– **Christopher Britto**, Volunteer

..... *Altar Servers* ANNUAL PARTY

We, the altar servers, look forward to our annual party on the feast of St. John Berchmans, our patron saint. Colourfully dressed, we assembled at the school annexe at 5 p.m. It was nice to see the altar servers of the church and chapel mingle with each other.

Fr. Vinay Kamath, our spiritual director, began the programme with a meaningful prayer and then briefed us on the “do’s and don’ts” while we are at the altar.

Nathan and David accompanied our budding singers on the guitar, and there were two dance performances. Four groups were formed,

exciting games were conducted, and each group performed on-stage. It was fun to see the altar servers competing with each other.

A token of appreciation was presented to Fr. Vinay Kamath, Ms. Margareth, Sir Victor and Ms. Fiona, our compere for the day. We went home with boxes of snacks, a lot of chocolates and most importantly fond memories. It was indeed an enjoyable day.

Thank you, Fr. Agnelo, for permitting us to have this party year after year.

– **Naomi and Donela**

..... *The Legion Of Mary* **“Praesidium Function” 2019**

Around 48 members from the Senior Praesidium (Mystical Rose) celebrated Mother Mary's birthday, the “Praesidium function”, on Sunday, 22nd September, 2019. Junior Praesidia (Queen of Apostles and Queen of Martyrs) attended the function.

We began, as always, with the Holy Rosary conducted by Sr. Rachel D'Souza, followed by a welcome speech by Sr. Ida Horta. We couldn't wait to cut the cake; so hurriedly gathered around to sing “Happy Birthday Mama Mary”, also including all who celebrated their birthdays in September.

We were served yummy cupcakes, a slice of the awesome birthday cake, some snacks, and refreshments, and applauded our Senior members on their lovely song for Mother Mary.

Thereafter, we divided into 7 groups for a tricky, but very exciting Word Search & Quiz on “Friendship & the Mysteries of the Rosary” by

our compere Sr. Flavia Rodricks. Musical Chairs, Balloon Wave and a Jam Session, supported with lively music by Bro. Kevin Poswaity and his team of Juniors, kept us on our feet.

Mid-party, we made time to pray the Angelus & Catena.

We thank Sr. Margaret Fernandes for conducting a novel game: “The Saints Housie”, and for giving us an inspiring talk on her life & graces received on becoming a Legionary. There were prizes for the games and best dancers too.

Finally, Bro. Cedric Ferreira led the grace before meals and the concluding legion prayers. Sr. Jowita D'Souza thanked everyone for an enjoyable, fun-filled evening.

Special thanks to all the Seniors & Juniors who came together as a family and lovingly put this memorable event togetherAVE MARIA

– **Sr. Bernedict Rozario**,
Mystical Rose Sr.Praesidium

..... *Confirmation 2019* **A Fresh Approach to the Sacrament**

The sacrament of Confirmation strengthens one's relationship with God, through a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit; it completes the grace received at Baptism, making the confirmand a spiritual adolescent with increased courage to practise the Faith and to witness to Christ in every situation.

In July 2019, we, the confirmands of St. Anthony's parish, Malwani, began our spiritual journey to receiving Confirmation. Every Sunday after Holy Mass, we head to St. Anthony's school and look forward to the very enriching spiritual enlightenment imparted by our Animators. Srs. Manisha and Daphne, Br. Anish, Ma'ams Fiona and Savie, and Sirs Savio, Alvito, Lancy and Santosh, form the team of spiritually-rich Animators, preparing us for this important event.

We are divided into two batches (Church and Chapel), with smaller groups of about twelve accompanied by an Animator. We read the Holy Bible, reflect on the Word, and learn how the

Holy Spirit directs our life; we renew our faith, deepen our relationship with God, family, and society at large.

Our Animators, under the direction of Fr. Vinay Kamath, follow the “Decision Point” program by Dynamic Catholic.com. Spiritual ‘Retreats’, ‘Service’ and ‘Outreach’ are important activities on this journey. One batch of forty has already been to a retreat centre in Karjat and enjoyed every moment of it. The next retreat is scheduled in October-November.

We eagerly await the day when the Holy Spirit descends upon each one of us, like the tongues of fire came down upon the apostles at the first Pentecost. A deepening faith, renewed zeal, and a closer relationship with God is the essence of this journey towards receiving the sacrament of Confirmation!

Thank you for accompanying us with your blessings and prayer.

– **Zayn Fernandes**, *Confirmand 2019*

..... *Confirmands 2019*

Spiritual Retreat in Karjat

August 15th, 2019 - the first batch of 40 confirmands left for Karjat, a popular retreat from Mumbai's heat, an idyllic escape for trekkers to vacationers.

However, our sole purpose of going to Karjat was to make changes in our lives, to "become a better version of ourselves", to come closer to God and experience a **Spiritual Retreat**. We had never been on a retreat before, but, believe, me, this one was worth going for.

Excited and nervous at the same time, we boarded the bus, accompanied by Sr. Daphne and Sir Savio, finally arriving at the retreat house, where we refreshed ourselves and prepared for the first session at "Bethel", the prayer-hall.

In her talk, Ma'am Anastasia, referred to the parable of the 'Prodigal Son' and the Father who waits for us with open arms. We were then assigned to groups where we probed the deeper

meaning with young "Animators" who were our mentors and shared their life testimonies with us. This had a huge impact on us as we understood God's presence through dark and good times.

The most significant session was when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and Fr. Vinay (who joined us on the second day) and Ma'am Anastasia prayed over us. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, urging us to return to the Father. The atmosphere was extremely serene; some were crying, others asking for forgiveness. Everyone responded with open hearts.

We believe that God sent us on this retreat for a reason. It changed us as persons, and helped form new friends who supported us.

To sum up: "whatever happens, happens for a reason" ... and we are grateful.

– *Delsie D'souza & Aariana Pinto,*
Confirmands 2019

..... *St. Anthony's Football Fiesta*

Dear Team,

From the perspective of a volunteer, the football fiesta was an overall success.

A few niggles during planning and operations. For example, the confirmation of the turf came just a week prior to D-day. I am no expert in league football, but given the response from players, volunteers and spectators who are well-versed with the sport, the league event could have been completed on the first day, and the second day reserved for the exhibition matches. Lack of suitable seating arrangements for players and spectators caused avoidable chaos. Time could have been saved had the Organisers been stricter with teams regarding time taken to assemble on the field.

However, on the bright side, it was a good idea to opt for turf rather than St. Anthony's grounds. Having three turfs at our disposal, meant simultaneous matches were possible. There were good and attentive referees ensuring that rules were adhered to and matches were fair. The volunteers did a good job in assisting before and during the event.

Special thanks to Father Vinay and all the event organisers who spared their precious time to make the football tournament a grand success.

It was an enjoyable first of its kind.

– *Clarimond Rocha*
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..... Family Cell (Report)

THE MOBILE FAMILY MINISTRY

The “Mobile Family Ministry”, a special ministry under the “Family Cell” of St. Anthony Church, Malvani, was initiated in October, 2016. We visit the sick and home-bound parishioners.

It is indeed a privilege to spend some time, interacting with the ailing members of our parish, praying with them and for them, invoking the Lord’s bountiful blessing and healing on them. It is a beautiful experience, both for the families and for us.

So far, we have visited 170 families of our parish. I would like to thank the Spiritual Directors and all the members of the “Eucharistic Ministers” and “Family Cell” teams, for their support, encouragement, co-operation and assistance; you have helped us to fulfil the objectives of this Ministry.

We look forward to many more visits in the future.

– *Alvito Pereira, Co-ordinator*

..... Parish ‘Family Cell’

visits ‘Clergy Home’, Bandra

On Saturday, 28th September 2019, ten members of the Family Cell visited the seventeen priests residing at the Clergy Home, Bandra.

We started with Fr. Joaquim D’Costa, former Principal of “Our Lady of Remedy” School, Poinisur, and met all the other priests, including Fr. Denis Pereira (former parish priest, “Our Lady of Lourdes Church”, Orlem), Fr. Benny Aguiar, (former Editor of the Examiner), Fr. Jude Pereira, (Avocate of Sunday School/Confirmation Class), Fr. Alex Carvalho, (former Assistant, Orlem), Monsignor Hilary Rodrigues and Fr. Philip Lobo who gifted each of us with a Scapular.



The experience was both deeply touching and enlightening. The priests were extremely happy to see us and most of them wanted to spend as much time as possible with us. We visited them in their rooms: chatted, sang, prayed, and requested their blessing. Each priest was presented with a gift hamper. Some of them had not

been to St. Anthony Church in Malwani and hence were curious about its location.

We praise and thank God for giving us the opportunity to meet the retired priests of our Archdiocese and thank the members of the “Family Cell” who made this special day possible.

– *Joe Pereira*

..... Celebrating the Day of the Girl-Child

(‘Nativity of Our Lady’ community)

August 15th, 2019 - On Sept. 6th, the girls from our children’s council met to celebrate the day of the girl-child which is commemorated on Sept. 8th. The topic for the session, conducted by Sr. Manisha, was: ‘Enjoy your girlhood’.

The children first shared what they like about “being a girl”



... celebrating this through spontaneous song and dance. In the next part they spoke about every-day problems and difficulties faced in the family or at social gatherings.

The time was all too short, and, so, after a snack-break, it was decided to have another session to continue the conversation.

– *Anita D’Souza*

मुखपृष्ठकथा

जीवनाचे झाड



नुकताच १ सप्टेंबर हा दिवस आपण जागतिक स्तरावर निसर्गासाठी निगा राखण्याचा प्रार्थना दिन म्हणून साजरा केला. आज जागतिक स्तरावर हवामान बदलाची चर्चा होत आहे. राष्ट्रीय स्तरावर पर्यावरण ह्या विषयाला महत्त्व आले आहे. आपल्या राज्य पातळीवरसुद्धा महाराष्ट्र शासनाने २०१९ पर्यंत ३३ कोटी वृक्ष लावण्याची हमी दिली आहे. कॅथोलिक चर्चसुद्धा यामध्ये सहभागी झाले. ह्याचाच एक भाग म्हणून धर्मप्रांत पातळीवर मुंबई धर्मप्रांताने हरित धर्मप्रांत ही मोहिम २०१५ पासून सुरू केली. बिशप ऑल्वीन डिसिल्वा ह्यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली सुरू झालेली ही मोहिम आता खऱ्या खुऱ्या अर्थाने धर्मग्राम पातळीवर उतरू लागल्याने ह्या मोहिमेला आता चळवळीचे स्वरूप प्राप्त झाले आहे.

बिशप ऑल्वीन हे आशिया खंडातील हवामान बदल मंचाचे बिशपांच्या शिखर परिषदेचे सचिव आहेत. जागतिक पातळीवरील त्यांच्या अभ्यास व अनुभवाचा वापर ते आपल्या धर्मप्रांतासाठी करीत आहेत.

‘जीवनाचे झाड’ ही मध्यवर्ती संकल्पना ह्या वर्षाच्या शेवटच्या अंकासाठी निवडली आहे. पुढला अंक नववर्षाचा २०२० चा पहिला अंक असेल. झाड हे मानवी जीवनासाठी आवश्यक असा घटक आहे. ‘जीवनाचे झाड’ हे प्रतिक म्हणजे आयुष्याची नवीन सुरुवात, सकारात्मक उर्जा, चांगले आरोग्य आणि उज्ज्वल भविष्य ह्याचे उदाहरण आहे. झाडाला अमरत्वाचं प्रतिक असतं. आजसुद्धा उत्तरेकडे, काश्मीर, हिमाचल आदि ठिकाणी ५०० वर्षे जुनी झाडे मोठ्या दिमाखात उभी आहेत. आपल्या परिसरातसुद्धा चिंच, आंबा, वड आदि झाडे भरपूर प्रमाणात होती. चाळी बांधण्यापायी त्यांचा बळी द्यावा लागला. असो तर अशा जुन्या झाडांना वाढ आणि प्रवाहाचा एक प्रकारचा दर्प असतो.

अशा वृक्षांपासून प्रेरणा घेऊन मानवी जीवन फुलविण्याचा प्रयत्न आपण करणार आहोत. आपल्या धर्मग्रामात जेथे कोठे मातीची जमीन दिसेल तेथे अथवा छोट्या-मोठ्या कुंड्यांमध्ये झाडे लावून धर्मग्रामाला हिरवागार करताना चैतन्यमय ऊर्जा पुरविणार आहोत.

आगामी २ नोव्हेंबरचा सर्व मृतांत्यांचा दिवस पुन्हा एकदा आपल्याला सार्वकालिक जीवनाची आठवण करून देईल. मरण म्हणजे शेवट नसून मागे उरलेल्यांच्या आयुष्याची नव्याने मांडणी करण्याचा दिवस. ऑक्टोबरचा तिसरा रविवार मिशन रविवार. गरजवंत दीन-दुर्बलांना सकारात्मक उर्जा देऊन त्यांच्यात जगण्याची उमेद निर्माण करण्याचा दिवस. विश्वाचा राजा ख्रिस्त हा दिवस म्हणजे मनुष्य जातीला असलेलं उज्ज्वल भविष्य. सामान्यातल्या सामान्य माणसाचं प्रतिनिधित्व करणाऱ्या ख्रिस्ताचा गौरव म्हणजेच सत्ता, संपत्ती, मनगटशाही याला मिळालेली ती चपराकच होय.

आगमनकाळ म्हणजे प्रतिकेचा काळ अंधाऱ्या बोगद्यातून दुसऱ्या टोकाकडे बघताना दिसणारा सुर्यप्रकाशच जणू. काहीच संपलेलं नाही. पुढे दिसणाऱ्या प्रकाशापर्यंत फक्त जायचय आणि त्यानंतर उत्साहाने नुसतं नाचायचं. होय नृत्य करायचयं. ताल धरून. तीच ती ख्रिस्त जयंती!

जीवनाचा आनंद साजरा करण्याचा काळ. सर्व दुःखे, समस्या विसरून, गरीब-श्रीमंत, जाती, धर्म, भेद विसरून जगभर साजरा होणारा ख्रिसमस म्हणजे जगण्याचा जणून क्लायमॅक्सच! आनंदाचे शिखर! तर सुरू झाला आहे आपल्या जगण्याचा प्रवास. त्याचसाठी हे जीवनाचे झाड फुलवूया, बहरवूया व त्याची जोपासना करू या.

- शेखर पारवे

आमचं पण टिवट

साधारणतः १९९० च्या दशकापर्यंत आपला मालवणी धर्मग्राम कसा हिरवागार, निसर्गाने नटलेला होता. मार्वे रस्त्याच्या उत्तरेकडील भाग 'अल्ली तलाव' व 'वालेवर' तर दक्षिणेकडील गावाच्या टोकाकडील भागाला 'आकोटी' म्हणत. रातोडी गावातील टोकाकडील भाग 'डुंगा' या नावाने परिचित होता. आंबा, चिंच, वड, बोरीची झाडे, भातशेती, गावकऱ्यांच्या वाड्या या भागात होत्या. सिमेंटच्या जंगलाने व दूरदृष्टीच्या अभावाने हे सर्व वैभव लयास गेलं. याविषयीच्या आठवणी सांगताहेत काही स्थानिक मंडळी.

मालक भाडेकरू झालेत

खुद्द चॅपल भोवतालचा परिसर आंब्याच्या झाडांनी भरलेला होता. सुरुवातीला चॅपलसुद्धा नारळांच्या झाडांच्या सावळ्यांचे बांधलेले होते. फा. बंबाशा येऊन मिस्सा करीत तेव्हा जणू काही ध्यानकेंद्र (मेडीटेशन सेंटर) वाटे. कौलारू घरांमुळे गरमीचा त्रास होत नसे. गावातील मधल्या रस्त्यांवरून बैलगाडी जात असे इतके रस्ते रुंद होते. गावात मैदान नसलं तरी खेळण्यास ऐसपैस जागा असे. मोबाईल नसल्यामुळे लगोरी, लपाछपी, पकडा-पकडी, सूर-पार आंबा आदि खेळ रात्रीपर्यंत चालत.

आता चाळीमुळे आपल्याच घरात आपण भाडोत्री झालो आहोत. अपुरे पाणी, अपुरे वेंटीलेशन यामुळे घर म्हणजे केवळ डोक्यावरील छप्पर अशी व्याख्या झाली आहे.

- टोनी निग्रेल

पावसाळी भाज्यांची चव

पूर्वी पावसाळ्यातील पडवळ, शिराळी, घोसाळी, दुधीभोपळा, भेंडी, वांगी, काकडी या ताज्या भाज्यांची चव चाखायला मिळत असे. जवळपास सर्वांच्याच वाड्या होत्या. बराचसा माल विक्रीसाठी स्टेशनला जात असे. भातशेती व्हायची. आगेरा या सणासाठी बरेचसे लोक आपआपल्या शेतातील कणसे आणीत व आशीर्वादित करीत. टाकळा, रानझाडं (वेडीझाडं) पावसाळ्यात उगवत. मालवणी चर्चला जाताना रस्त्याच्या दुतर्फा झाडं-झुडपं दिसत. आता मात्र गं रेज, हॉटेल व दुकानं दिसत असतात.

- एडवीन पटेल

गावाचं 'गावपण' हरवलं

खारोडी गाव हे खऱ्या अर्थाने गावठाण होतं. केवळ इस्टइंडियन लोकांची वस्ती संख्येने जास्त होती. आमच्या सारखे काही तुरळक व अगदी कमी लोक इतर संस्कृतीमधून आलेलो गावामध्ये होतो. शेजोळ परिवार म्हणजे एससीसी संकल्पना नसतानासुद्धा अनौपचारिक रित्या या गावाने सर्वांना समाविष्ट करून घेतलं. आता सर्व धर्मीय, प्रांतीय व जातीय लोक असल्यामुळे 'गावपण' हरविल्याची भावना होते. गावाबाहेर तलाव, खाणी होत्या जवळपास ७-८ पाण्याच्या खाणी असल्यामुळे कपडे धुण्यासाठी गावातील स्त्रिया या खाणींचा उपयोग करीत. लहान मुलं या खाणींचा स्वीमिंगपूलसारखा उपयोग करीत व मनसोक्त पोहत. खाणीमध्ये मुलं पोहतात म्हणून पालकांना भीतीसुद्धा वाटत नसे.

- मेरी चट्टियार

कयं गेला तो नागर

ओह! ९० पर्यंतचा काळ म्हणजे आंबा, चिंच, काजू, बोरं, चारबोरं या रानफळांनी भरलेली झाडे. कुठे होती माहिती हाय? खारोडीत! होय खारोडीमध्येच. डोंगरीवर म्हणून एका परिसराचं नाव होतं, तेथे ही सर्व झाडे. पाण्याच्या, दगडांच्या खाणी. या खाणीवर सुरुंग लावून दगड फोडीत. खाणीमध्ये पोहणारी आणि पकडापकडी खेळणारं आमचं ते बालपण. घरात शेतीची कामे, गुरांना चरायला नेणे, वाडीत पाणी शिंपणे. हे सगळं आठवलं की, 'कयं गेला तो नागर... न कयं गेली ती बैलगारी' ह्या गाण्याची आठवण होते.

- सिरिल ग्रेसेस

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भविष्यकाळ हा तरुणाईचा आहे. येणाऱ्या पिढ्यांच्या हाती उद्ध्वस्त आणि भकास निसर्ग द्यायचा की उरलेलं आहे त्याला टिकवून कसं ठेवायचं सांगताहेत आपल्या धर्मग्रामातील तरुणाई.

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वृक्षारोपण आपण हाती घेतलं आहेच. दुसरीकडे आहे त्या झाडांना कापण्यास प्रतिबंध करायचा मग ते मेट्रोकारशेडसाठी असो वा आपल्या दफनविधीसाठी. आपली कॉफीनमध्ये घालून मृत शरीर दफन करण्याची पद्धत ही निसर्गाला उद्ध्वस्त करणारी ठरते.

एकतर कॉफीन हे लाकडाचे असल्यामुळे त्यासाठी झाडांची कापणी करावी लागते. तर दुसरीकडे कॉफीनमुळे मृतशरीर विघटन होण्यास वेळ लागत असल्यामुळे जास्त जमिनीचा वापर होतो. या दोन्ही बाबी निसर्गाला हानीकारक आहेत. याचसाठी ख्रिस्ताचं अनुकरण करून कापडामध्ये गुंडाळून दफन केल्यास निसर्ग वाचविण्याच्या दृष्टीने फायद्याचे ठरेल. शिवाय कॉफीनच्या दर्जावरून कुटुंबाच्या आर्थिक परिस्थितीचं प्रदर्शन लोकांना होऊन तो समाजामध्ये अनावश्यक चर्चेला उर्जा पुरवितो. सर्वांना समान पातळीवर आणण्यासाठी पोप फ्रान्सिस यांच्या धोरणांना पाठिंबा द्यायला हवा.

— शिफ्रा पटेल

सचिव, धर्मग्राम पाळकीय मंडळ

कापडी पिशव्यांचा वापर

पर्यावरणासंबंधी आता आपण धर्मग्राम पातळीवर अधिक संवेदनशील व्हायला हवे. छोट्या छोट्या गोष्टींमध्ये मोठे बदल घडविण्याची ताकद असते. झाडं हवेमध्ये ऑक्सीजन सोडतात व हवेतील कार्बनडाय ऑक्साईड शोषून घेतात. त्याचप्रमाणे पूरासारख्या आपत्तीपासून निसर्गाचे रक्षण करतात. म्हणून वृक्षारोपण मोहिमेवर भर द्यायला हवा. आपल्या दफनभूमीमध्ये प्रत्येक कबरेवर आकर्षक रोपटी लावून सुशोभित करणे, वह्यांच्या कोऱ्या पानांचा पुर्नवापर करून गरजवंताना पुरविणे, ओला व सुक्या कचऱ्याचं वर्गीकरण करणे, रिकाम्या बाटल्यांपासून सजावटीसाठी सर्जनशील वस्तू तयार करणे, प्लास्टीकचा वापर थांबवून शॉपिंगसाठी कापडी पिशव्या वापरण्यास लोकांचे प्रबोधन करणे. या सर्व छोट्या गोष्टी आहेत परंतु मोठा बदल घडविण्याचे सामर्थ्य यांच्यामध्ये आहे.

कॉर्डेलिया पटेल

खारोडी

वृत्तांत

पालक दिन



दयासागर प्रार्थना संघाने मातृ-पितृ दिन गुरू दि. २५ जुलै रोजी अनाथ व बेघरांना आसरा देणाऱ्या शांती दान आश्रम बोरीवली (प.) येथे साजरा केला. स्तुती आराधना, प्रार्थना, प्रभूशब्द, कृती गीत व मनोरंजन असा दोन तासांचा प्रार्थनामय व आनंदमय कार्यक्रम सादर केला. मुलं, बाळं, तरुण व वयोवृद्ध पालक असा १७५ जणांचे परिवार मदर तेरेसांच्या मिशनरी ब्रदरांच्या प्रेम, सेवा व मायेच्या पंखाखाली भरारी घेत आहे.

हा अनुभव त्यांच्या चेहऱ्यावरील स्मित हास्याने जाणून आत्मिक शांतीचा अनुभव आला. शुक्रवारच्या प्रार्थनेच्या विश्वासू भाविकांनी दिलेल्या जीवनावश्यक वस्तू व प्रार्थना संघातर्फे चाळीस चादरी आश्रमाला दान म्हणून दिल्या. संत आन्ना व संत जोकिम ह्यांचा सण म्हणजे पालक दिन व प्रार्थना दिवस असा दुहेरी योग प्रार्थना संघाला लाभला. फा. ऑलविन मिस्किटा ह्यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली बाळ येशू चॅपलमध्ये आजी-आजोबा, आई-वडील व एकेरी पालक अशा ५०० ते ६०० लोकांच्या उपस्थितीत संध्या ६.३० ते ९.१५ च्या दरम्यान संपन्न झाला.

आरोग्यदायी जपमाळ प्रार्थना, स्तुती आराधना, प्रभुशब्द व प्रभूवचनाद्वारे पालकांना मार्गदर्शन व जीवंत उदाहरणाने स्पष्टीकरण देऊन फादरांनी भाविकांना आध्यात्मिक पर्वणी पुरविली.

पालकांसाठी विशेष प्रार्थना, आशिर्वाद, प्रेमाचं दान व अल्पोपहार अशा प्रकारे दया सागर प्रार्थना संघाने मातृ-पितृ दिन विश्वासू भाविकांसह प्रार्थनामय वातावरणात उत्साहात साजरा केला.

वियानी रविवार

मुंबई सर धर्मप्रातांत ४ ऑगस्ट हा सर्व धर्मगुरूंचा आश्रयदाता संत जॉन मारी वियानी ह्यांचा सण आपण साजरा करतो. दया सागर प्रार्थना संघातर्फे वियानी दिन ८ ऑगस्टला बाळ येशू चॅपलमध्ये साजरा झाला. तिमथीचे पहिले पत्र २:५ देव एकच आहे आणि देव आणि मनुष्य यांच्यामध्ये एकच मध्यस्थ आहे तो म्हणजे ख्रिस्त येशू.

फा. मार्शल लोपीस ह्यांनी ख्रिस्त हाच सर्वात प्रथम, सर्वात महान व सर्वात श्रेष्ठ धर्मगुरू ह्या विषयी प्रबोधन केले. ख्रिस्ताचा हाच आदर्श संत जॉन मारी वियानी ह्यांच्यासाठी दिशादर्शक होता. साधी राहणी, उच्च विचारसरणी व देवाशी एकनिष्ठ राहिल्याने त्यांना देवाच्या कृपेची साथ लाभून धर्मगुरूसाठी ते कोनशिला (कॉर्नरस्टोन) झाले.

फा. मार्शल लोपीस ह्यांनी चिंतन मंथनात धर्मगुरूंची भूतकाळ, वर्तमानकाळ व भविष्यकाळाची परिस्थिती कथन केल्याने भाविकांच्या डोळ्यातून अश्रूधारा वाहून हृदय व मन सुन्न झाले.

धर्मगुरू जन्मापासून मृत्यूपर्यंत, पापापासून नवजीवनापर्यंत, धार्मिकतेपासून अध्यात्मापर्यंत व अपूर्णतेपासून परिपूर्णतेपर्यंत नेण्यासाठी चंदनासारखं झिजून व मेणबत्तीसारखं जळून मानवाला स्वर्गिय आनंदाकडे नेत असतात म्हणून नेहमी धर्मगुरूंना सहकार्य करावे असे त्यांनी लोकांना आवाहन केले.

दया सागर प्रार्थना संघाच्या वतीने प्रमुख धर्मगुरू फा. अँग्रेलो फर्नांडिस व त्यांचे सहकारी धर्मगुरू तसेच फा. मार्शल लोपीस ह्यांचं मिरवणूकीने फुलांचा वर्षाव करीत स्वागत केले. तदनंतर वियानी दिनाचा केक कापण्यात येऊन प्रेमाचे दान व पुष्प देऊन सन्मानित करण्यात आले. उभारी देणारे फा. अजीत बांदेकर, फा. ऑस्टीन नॉरीस, फा. अँग्रेलो फर्नांडिस, फा. जेम्स कोरीया व फा. फ्रान्सिस झेवियर तसेच प्रार्थनेसाठी सहकार्य करणारे फादर ऑलविन मिस्किटा, फादर मार्शल लोपीस व इतर सर्व धर्मगुरूंचे मध्यस्थ प्रार्थनेने कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करून सांगता केली.

मातृ-पितृ दिन



बाळ येशू शेजोळ परिवाराचा मातृ-पितृ दिन १ ऑगस्ट रोजी साजरा करण्यात आला. परिवारातील तरुण-तरुणींनी या कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केल्यामुळे आयोजनात नाविन्याचा अंतर्भाव होता. कार्यक्रमात खेळ, स्पोर्ट

गेम, गाणी आणि नृत्य असल्यामुळे जीवनातील ताण-तणाव हलका झाला.

सि. डॅफनी यांनी माता-पित्यांचे आपल्या जीवनातील योगदान व त्यांच्याप्रति आपली कर्तव्यपूर्ती याविषयी मनोगत व्यक्त केले. या विभागाची नव्यानेच समन्वयक (को-ऑर्डिनेटर) म्हणून जबाबदारी स्वीकारल्यामुळे माझा अभिनंदनपर गौरव करण्यात आला. पुढील कार्यक्रमांना सर्वांचे सहकार्य लाभेल असे आश्वासनसुद्धा नकळत मिळाले.

मेलवीना ग्रेसीयस,
समन्वयक बाळ येशू परिवार

संमेलनाध्यक्षपदी फा. दिब्रिटो

९३ व्या अखिल भारतीय मराठी साहित्य संमेलनाच्या अध्यक्षपदी फा. फ्रान्सिस दिब्रिटो यांची निवड एकमताने झाल्याबद्दल समस्त कॅथॉलिक ख्रिस्तीजणांची मान अभिमानाने उंचावली आहे. येत्या जानेवारी २०२० मध्ये १० ते १२ दरम्यान उस्मानाबाद येथे हे संमेलन होत आहे.

फा. फ्रान्सिस दिब्रिटो हे सुवार्ता मासिकाचे १९८३ ते २००० पर्यंत संपादक होते. आपल्या मालवणी धर्मग्रामात १९९३ पासून सुवार्ता वितरणाला सुरुवात झाल्यामुळे त्यांच्या लेखनशैलीबद्दल येथला मराठी भाषिक सुवार्ताचा वाचकवर्ग चांगलाच परिचित आहे.



मालवणीतील सुवार्ता परिवार व संपूर्ण धर्मग्रामाच्या वतीने फा. दिब्रिटोंचे अभिनंदन... व संमेलनासाठी शुभेच्छा!!

Called to Eternal Life

	Name	Date	Age	Relation	Area
1	Walter Lawrence Lasrado	30-06-2019	71	H/o Benny Lasrado	Jankalyan Nagar
2	Sandra Manuel Patel	01-07-2019	65	W/o Manuel Patel	Kharodi
3	Cyrus L. Sutari	10-07-2019	17	S/o Lucus Sutari	Kharodi
4	Civita Maria Figueiredo	13-07-2019	77	D/o Antonio Figueiredo	Malwani
5	Wilson Sebastin Gonsalves	16-07-2019	72	S/o Sebastub Gonsalves	Kharodi
6	Francis Paul Serrao	17-07-2019	72	S/o Paul Serrao	Jankalyan Nagar
7	Camillo Cajetan Fernandes	24-07-2019	71	S/o Francis X Fernandes	Malwani
8	David Diago Lobo	23-07-2019	86	S/o Diago Lobo	Malwani
9	Michael Bunty D'sa	30-07-2019	53	H/o Suzane D'sa	Kharodi
10	Richard Panji Karan Das Robert Salias Richard Roberts	03-08-2019	63	S/o Xavier Roberts	Malwani
11	Serina John Vaz	06-08-2019	65	W/o John Vaz	Malwani
12	Polly Ladru Gracias	11-08-2019	74	S/o Ladru Gracias	Rathodi
13	Alije Thomas D'mello	11-08-2019	48	S/o Thomas D'mello	Ali Talao
14	Lily Lawrence Rodrigues	30-07-2019		W/o Lawrence Rodrigues	Rathodi Village
15	Martha Anthony Borges	19-08-2019	93	W/o Anthony Borges	Kharodi Village
16	Baby Shanell Ashwin D'Penha	22-08-2019	1YR	D/o Ashwin D'Penha	Malwani
17	Maggie Victor Patel	25-08-2019	79	W/o Victor Felson Patel	Orlem
18	Veronica Gonsalves	27-08-2019	91	W/o Marshall Gonsalves	Malwani
19	Priscilla Robert Gomes	06-09-2019		W/o Robert Gomes	Kharodi
20	Martha Derick D'Lima	07-09-2019	77	W/o Derick D'Lima	Marve
21	Catherine D'Cunha	08-09-2019	77	W/o Chawl D'Cunha	Rathodi
22	Anthony Mario Fernandes	15-09-2019	87	S/o Joaquim Francisco Fernandes	Jankalyan Nagar
23	Pauline Alphonso Pais	18-09-2019	71	W/o Anita Nobert Lobo	Kharodi
24	Liberata Almeida	20-09-2019	89	W/o Andre Gregorio Almeida	Jankalyan Nagar
25	Joseph Maurice Menezes	29-09-2019	60	S/o Maurice Menezes	Malwani

Adult Quiz

Who spoke the following OR to whom?



Across

2. " Master it is good we are here. Let us make three tents..."
3. "... Your feasts will be turned into mourning.."
5. "... if someone goes from the dead they will listen.."
10. " The serpent deceived me..."
12. Look master at the.... wonderful buildings."
15. "Shout out louder ... perhaps Baal is sleeping.."
18. " With the jawbone of an ass I piled them in a heap..."
19. "... oh Lord you can dismiss your servant in peace.. my eyes have seen salvation..."
20. "Son of David have mercy on me"
23. " Leave them alone... if the enterprise is of men it will disappear but it is from God...."
25. " Will you really let the good perish with the wicked?"
26. " Go and search carefully for the child..as soon as you find him report to me..."
27. "... Ah Lord God! I do not know how to speak. I am but a lad"
28. " Go and look over the land well, especially the city of Jericho"
30. "Oh lord I have never been a fluent speaker..... I am slow of speech"
31. " If you are the son of God, throw yourself down"
33. " Do you understand what you are reading?"
36. "Look up to sky and count the star..." Lord to ?
37. "... blessed is the fruit of your womb..."

Down

1. " I am an old man and my wife in getting on in age"
4. " My Lord and my God"
6. " I hear a voice calling out in the desert..."
7. " Am I my brother's keeper?"
8. " My brother Esau is hairy..."
9. "All that I learnt in my own land about yoan your wisdom are true."
11. " Go into the river Jordon and wash seven times..."
13. " Give me therefore an understanding mind in governing your people..."
14. I am with you always till the end of time."
16. " you will place the Pharoah's cup in his hand as before..."
17. "... where you go, there I shall go, where you live..."
21. " Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh..."
22. " ... Horse and rider He has thrown into the sea."
23. " Let there be light..."
24. " Get up, take the child and escape to Egypt.."
28. "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked shall I return..."
29. " Speak Lord, your servant is listening"
32. " Lord if you want to you can make me clean"
34. " Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved."
35. " ... all generations will call me blessed..."

ADULT QUIZ ANSWERS OCT – DEC

Across

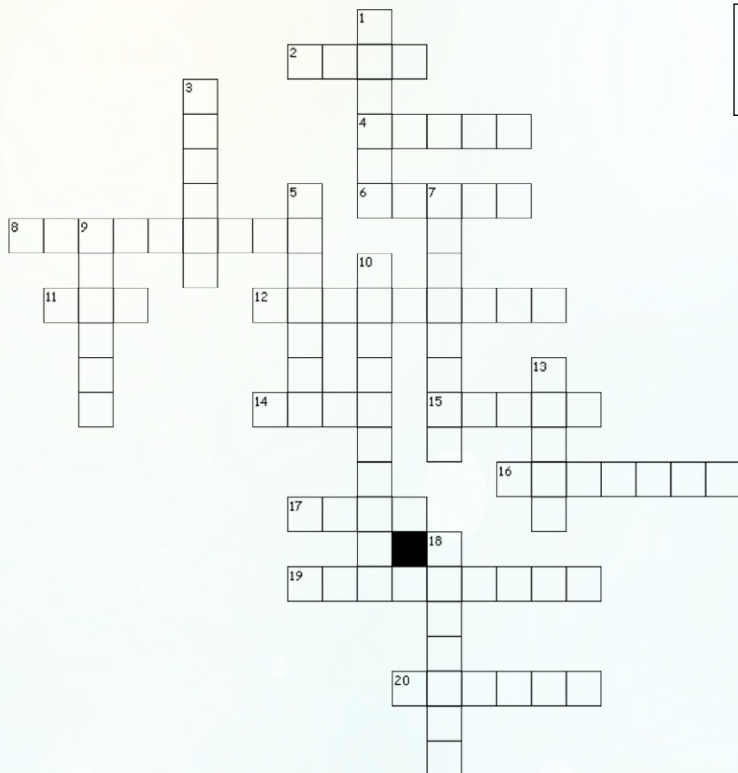
- 2. " Master it is good we are here. Let us make three tents..." **PETER**
- 3. "... Your feasts will be turned into mourning.." **AMOS**
- 5. "... if someone goes from the dead they will listen.." **RICH MAN**
- 10. " The serpent deceived me..." **EVE**
- 12. Look master at the.... wonderful buildings." **DISCIPLES**
- 15. "Shout out louder ... perhaps Baal is sleeping.." **ELIJAH**
- 18. " With the jawbone of an ass I piled them in a heap..." **SAMSON**
- 19. "... oh Lord you can dismiss your servant in peace.. my eyes have seen salvation..." **SIMEON**
- 20. "Son of David have mercy on me" **BARTIMEUS**
- 23. " Leave them alone... if the enterprise is of men it will disappear but it is from God...." **GAMALIEL**
- 25. " Will you really let the good perish with the wicked?" **ABRAHAM**
- 26. " Go and search carefully for the child..as soon as you find him report to me..." **HEROD**
- 27. " ... Ah Lord God! I do not know how to speak. I am but a lad" **JEREMIAH**
- 28. " Go and look over the land well, especially the city of Jericho" **JOSHUA**
- 30. " Oh lord I have never been a fluent speaker..... I am slow of speech" **MOSES**
- 31. " If you are the son of God, throw yourself down" **DEVIL**
- 33. " Do you understand what you are reading?" **PHILIP**
- 36. "Look up to sky and count the star..." Lord to ? **ABRAM**
- 37. "... blessed is the fruit of your womb..." **ELIZABETH**

Down

- 1. " I am an old man and my wife in getting on in age" **ZECHARIAH**
- 4. " My Lord and my God" **THOMAS**
- 6. " I hear a voice calling out in the desert..." **ISAIAH**
- 7. " Am I my brother's keeper?" **CAIN**
- 8. " My brother Esau is hairy..." **JACOB**
- 9. "All that I learnt in my own land about you and your wisdom are true." **QUEEN OF SHEEBA**
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- 35. " ... all generations will call me blessed..." **MARY**

Kiddies Quiz

Rush your answers by 30th November 2019.
Place your Xeroxed answer sheet in the Church / Chapel collection box.



Across

2. Man sent by God
4. This is compared to life
6. Had a sword and was asked to put it away
8. This pool has five porticos
11. No one can see
12. Came at night
14. Descendants of Abraham
15. Water was in plenty here
16. John was thought to be this
17. This was there in the beginning
19. A true Israelite
20. John baptized here

Down

1. Came from Bethsaida
3. John was thought to be him
5. The wedding took place here
7. Other side of Sea of Galilee
9. "My Lord and My God"
10. Advocate
13. He gave the Law
18. Master

WINNERS OF LAST QUIZ (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019)

ADULT QUIZ WINNERS

Sr No	Name	Zone
1	Annie Lemos	VII
2	Renita Pinto	II
3	Tolentino Fernandes	III

KIDDIES QUIZ WINNERS

Sr No	Name	Std	Zone
1	Jennifa Menezes	VII	3
2	Rickson Alva	VII	2
3	Esther Dantis	VIII	8
4	Jayden Mendes	VI	3
5	Annie Fernandes	VII	3

..... *Forthcoming* EVENTS

20th October	Mission Sunday
28th October	Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude
1st November	All Saints Day
2nd November	All Souls Day
5th November	PPC Meeting
10th November	Parish Family Day
14th November	Children's Day
22nd November	Feast of St. Cecilia – Patroness of Choirs
24th November	Feast of Christ, the Universal King
30th November	Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle
1st December	First Sunday in Advent
3rd December	Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Apostle of India
8th December	PPC Meeting
9th December	First Holy Communion at the Chapel
24th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
25th December	Christmas – Carol Singing and Mass
28th December	Christmas Day
29th December	Feast of Holy Innocents
31st December	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
31st December	New Year's Vigil
1st January	New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
6th January	Epiphany of the Lord
7th January	PPC Meeting
19th January	First Holy Communion at the Church
26th January	Republic Day
24th January	'Infant Jesus' Novena begins



Pope Francis has declared an Extraordinary Missionary Month [EMM] to remind us that we live in a permanent state of mission.

Every baptized person is a mission.

A Mission that doesn't consist in proselytism, but in offering Christian salvation while respecting each person's freedom.



Missionary Spring in the Church

In this Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may engender a new missionary spring in the Church.

Challenge for humanity and for the mission of the Church – October 2019

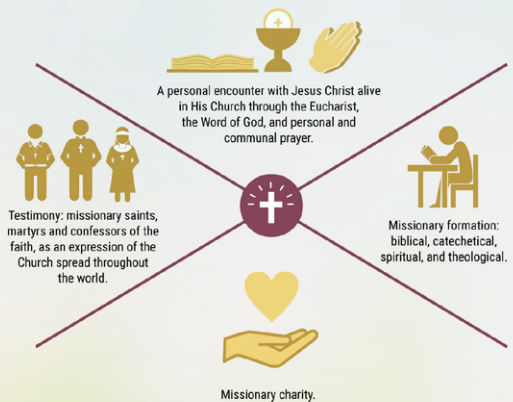
“It is my intention to promote an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October 2019, with the aim of fostering ardor in the Church's ad gentes evangelizing activity.”

Pope Francis, Angelus, October 22, 2017



#MissionaryOctober

There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the Extraordinary Missionary Month:



"The soul of the Church's mission is prayer."

Pope Francis



LET'S SAVE THE WORLD

Vianney Sunday backdrop



Training Session for Parish Pastoral Councillors (PPC) by Bishop Barthol Baretto



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